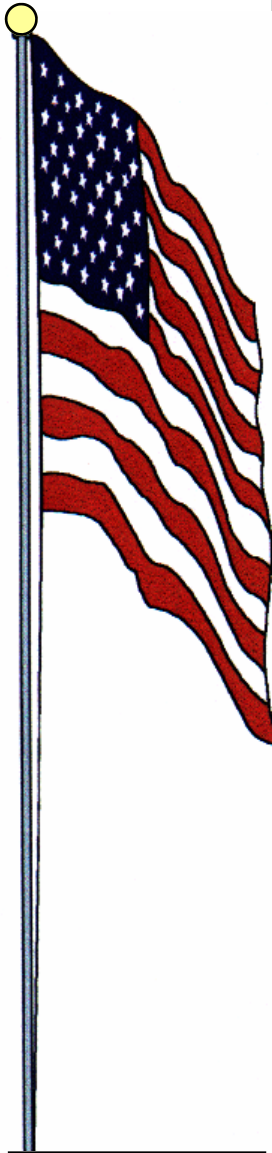




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The Sentinel



**HAPPY
 NEW
 YEAR**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Passing the Gavel

Dear TROA Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful experience you allowed me to have while serving as your President. These past three years have gone by in a flash. Never a dull moment, never a problem without a series of solutions, and never a lack of support or ideas! We determined our direction, stepped out lively and we're still on the move. Its been great. And on January 19th I hope you can join me as we welcome the incoming President, Ron Green, and our new (and not so new) Chapter Officers. We'll have a brief installation, pass the gavel, and together we can assure them of our support.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say Thanks to all the Chapter Officers who shared the watch with me. Each and everyone of them added value and enthusiasm, and boy o boy - they worked hard, with you in mind! A very special appreciation is owed to the membership at large - your attendance at the meetings, your generous support throughout every month, every program, and special event made it possible for the Arizona Chapter to participate, to grow, to enjoy, and to contribute to each other, our brethren, and our communities. You are the heart and soul of the Chapter - keep up the good work! Certainly you are the reason this Chapter exists - Thank You!

There have been special moments and decisions that helped shape my tour as Chapter President. When I was elected on that chilly December evening three years ago, the sound of the gavel was still echoing in the room when Jim Siedel turned, stuck his big mitt out, and said "call me if I can help". And then, in ones and two's, it seemed everybody came forward with the same message. I felt I needed to learn the priorities of the Chapter, and one day two years ago, the Board of Directors (BOD) held a special "think tank" meeting. We followed that up with the Chapter Survey. Thereafter events simply unfolded to create a working relationship within a team environment where everybody has been a player. I have fond memories of certain anecdotal moments, but certain events have shaped and ensured the Chapters future. The Silent Auction and the Scholarship Program allowed us to sink our teeth into something that had recognizable benefit and value. Likewise, special thanks go to all who have provided input or guidance for the publication of our most critical element of communication, the Sentinel. We also spent time re-writing our By-Laws, making decisions regarding TAPS, developing policy to ensure attendance and membership growth. And it seems we also have a pretty darn great group of folks who have endured the Bernie Conway Golf Tournaments too, so we do seem to find time for fun. One of my favorite moments was the evening the Golden Anniversary Fund was opened, compliments of a generous gift from Marie Loos which was quickly matched by a commensurate gift from Bill and Andrea Toy. And as our

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REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES

FLY YOUR FLAG

50th Anniversary approaches, the Chapter continues to have goals and milestones which we can be confident that our incoming Officer cadre will achieve and surpass.

So dear friends, in closing, let me say that its been a pleasure. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as your President, I appreciated the advice and support, the good times and good work. Perhaps we could have done a bit more, but certainly we could do no less! Please join me at the January 19th luncheon as with humble gratitude I will turn over the gavel to Ron Green and offer my unconditional support and salute to him and our 2002—2004 Arizona Chapter staff as they embark on their quest to serve you, our military, and our Nation!

Warmest Regards Always,

Chuck Schluter
Col (ret) USA
President, Arizona Chapter of TROA

"Accepting the Gavel"

It will be with great humility that I accept the gavel from Col. Schluter on the 19th to act as your president. Family matters in California right now are requiring me to split my time between here and there. With the great team that we have, I know we will be able to accomplish the tasks before us. I will do everything in my power to be here at the major Chapter events (Board of Directors meetings and dinners/luncheons).

It is my goal that the transfer of the gavel be unnoticeable. This has been coordinated to the point where Chuck has agreed to lead us in the singing of McNamara's Band if we have a luncheon/dinner on St. Patrick's Day!

I feel our goals will be to carry on and improve Chapter affairs and to support National in their efforts. This will not only be for retirees, but for all past Military members who have separated from the service prior to retirement. I'm sure Dan Conway will continue, as our Legislative Representative, to lead us in these efforts as he has so aptly done these last few years. Current plans are to expound upon Chapter activities, that the Board of Directors have been considering, in the February Sentinel.

When I accepted the position of 1st Vice President position 3 years ago I stated then that I didn't want to move up because of health reasons. However, the need was there and with some arm twisting by Chet Baumer I ended up here. Thank you again for your support.

I will do everything possible (and with your help) to carry on the Chapter efforts for maintaining or regaining the benefits promised us Retirees and Veterans.

Ronald R. Green, LtCol (ret) USAF
President Elect, Arizona Chapter of TROA

Scholarship Committee

The Arizona Chapter just completed a very successful year in the High School Scholastic Recognition business. We awarded four \$500.00 Scholarships to four deserving students from three area high schools and 14 JROTC Medals to 3rd year students in area high schools we like to call our own.

Thanks to Bernie Conway who runs a mean "Golf Match," brother Dan Conway who runs an equally mean "Silent Auction" and Bill Johnson and Jim Seidl who worked the 50/50 raffle, we will be able to expand our programs in the coming year. We cannot overlook the many other members who gave money in amounts up to \$1000 to further our efforts. To everyone who assisted the Program - A Big Thank You!!

Now, let the Scholarship Committee be among the first to suggest a way to give to the high school youth. Arizona allows tax payers to give up to \$250 per family to a school activity of your choosing. You might consider making your donation to one of our High School JROTC Units for their use sending their students to Youth Leadership Conferences and a wealth of other activities. Your donation to that activity becomes a credit against your Arizona State Tax. Since Arizona seems to be having some fiscal trouble, discretion suggests you hold off on this donation for a few months, but work it into your planning. When you're ready, we can provide you with the Names and Addresses of our JROTC Units.

New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord

Please give me.

A few friends who understand me,
and remain my friends;

A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel,
even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,
with the wisdom to recognize them when they come.
Amen

Silent Auction & Raffle

The Christmas Party's Silent Auction and Big Prize Raffle was a resounding success with lots of fun and \$1742.00 raised for our scholarship fund. This is in addition to the \$1,000 pledged by Lexus Western Region. Thank you to those who attended and those who made donations.

Business Contributors

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| Arizona Cardinals | Arizona Diamondbacks |
| Bank One | Buster's Restaurant |
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| Ruth Kovacevich | Marie Loos |
| Bob Rutherford | Chuck Schluter |
| Jim Seidl | Terry Tassin |
| Bill Toy | |

Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize : Web Ellis \$235.00
 2nd Prize: Kathryn Davis \$118.00
 3rd to 8th Prize: Carol Adams, Hal Halpern,
 Betsy Yee (guest of Bill Toy), Bud Newhall,
 Bill Donato and Jim Seidl

News From TROA National

Following the heinous attacks of Sept. 11, many TROA members asked how they could help — especially in the homeland defense effort. The following letter was sent to former Gov. Tom Ridge, assistant to the president for Homeland Security, by TROA President Lt. Gen. Mike Nelson, USAF-Ret.

Dear Governor Ridge,

I write to pledge the active support of the members of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) for the war on terrorism and to ask how we might provide that support.

In the president's executive order establishing the Office of Homeland Security and the Homeland Security Council, we were pleased to note Section 3(j), under which your office will "encourage and invite the participation of state and local governments and private entities, as appropriate, in carrying out the office's functions."

TROA's members include some 387,000 active duty, retired, Reserve, and former officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and their surviving spouses.

While the active duty, Reserve, and National Guard members of TROA are discharging their various military responsibilities, we have tens of thousands of retired and former officers who, I am confident, stand ready to support homeland defense.

These men and women have spent most of their professional careers defending our nation and possess abundant leadership and organizational training and other skills. How might we help your office accomplish its mission?

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

If you would like to make a donation to the AZ Chapter Scholarship Fund (tax deductible), include your check identified as AZ Chapter Scholarship Fund and mail to: Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.

It is OK to identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES _____ NO _____ Donation _____

Name _____

MEAL/MEETING RESERVATION

Please reserve _____ spaces for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ \$13.00 per person for 19 Jan 2002

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter TROA NLT: 14 Jan 2002

Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-689-5379 (Office)

JANUARY MEETING

WHEN: 19 January at 11:30 AM

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$13.00 per person

MENU: Steak Sandwich & Fries
Garden Salad & Cherry Pie

PROGRAM: Maj Gen Davis B. Rohr (USAF, Ret.)
Current Events

Membership

The Chapter had 80 early birds members renewing their dues. If you have a 01 behind your name, on the newsletter mailing label, an insert with a quick and easy renewal slip is included in this issue. A 02 or greater on your label means you are paid up through that year. This year we are doing something new so the January newsletter will be the last issue without renewal. A new roster of all members will be included with the February Sentinel.

Our three newest members this year are: *MG Davis C. Rohr* and his spouse, Gayle, like to play tennis and he still keeps his hand in the flying game.

The Arizona Chapter TROA	
President, COL Chuck Schluter, USAR	480-563-8480
1st Vice President, LtCol Ron Green, USAF	480-595-8693
2nd Vice President, MAJ Pete Magadan, USA	602-953-3744
3rd Vice President, LTCDR Paul Alix, USNR	480-419-7037
Secretary, MAJ Allen Fueling, USA	602-212-1627
Treasurer, Maj Bill Johnson, USAF	602-942-4549
Appointed Directors at Large / Committee Chairmen	
Membership, LtCol Ron Green, USAF	480-595-8693
Legislative, CAPT Dan Conway, USCGR	480-368-1427
Programs, LT Jim Seidl, USCG	602-841-6026
Sentinel Editor, LtCol Linda Yaeger, USAF	623-594-1568
Web Master, Maj Ron Drew, USAF	602-493-8806
TOPS Liaison, LtCol Bernie Conway, USAF	480-994-0440
Chaplin / Personal Affairs, LTC Bob Rutherford, USA	602-944-4224
Historian, LTC Bill Toy, USA	480-945-7045
Photographer, LTC Bill Toy, USA	480-945-7045
Morale, LtCol Bernie Conway, USAF	480-994-0440
50th Anniversary, LtCol Chet Baumer, USAF	623-582-8595
Scholarships, Lt Col Raymond Deane, USAF	623-939-8517
<i>Membership—Continued</i>	
<i>Robert Kruse and his spouse, Penny, go back to Oklahoma City each summer to avoid the heat. He still likes to fly and owns his own airplane.</i>	
<i>James Nelson and his spouse, Claudia are our newest members. Jim likes to hunt and work with his English Springer Spaniels.</i>	

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Activities Calendar 2002

Date	Event
Jan 3 Jan 19	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #44) Luncheon McCormick Ranch (<i>Installation of Officers</i>) <u>Note 1</u>
Feb 7 Feb 21	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #44) Dinner Best Western Park Hotel <u>Note 2</u>
Mar 1 Mar 7 Mar 16	Newsletter Awards Submission (TROA Recognition Program) Boards of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #44) Luncheon Falcon's Roost Bar & Grill starting at 1PM –then tour of Champlain Air Museum.
Apr Apr 4 Apr 18	Begin JROTC Recognition and Scholarship Awards Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #44) Dinner Best Western Park Hotel <u>Note 2</u>
May May 2 May 18 May 27 May (TBA) May (TBA)	Continue JROTC Recognition and Scholarship Awards Boards of Directors American Legion Post #44 - (<i>Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting</i>) Luncheon McCormick Ranch - (<i>Announce Scholarship Winners!!</i>) <u>Note 1</u> Memorial Day Observed/Chapter Participation Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Dedication and Luncheon AZ Chapter Golf Tournament: Rolling Hills Golf Club
June 6 Jun 20	Board of Directors Meeting American Legion Post #44 Dinner Best Western Park Hotel (<i>Scholarship Awards Dinner</i>) <u>Note 2</u>
Jul/Aug	Open for summer break
Sep 5 Sep 21	Board of Directors Meeting American Legion Post #44 Luncheon McCormick Ranch <u>Note 1</u>
Oct 3 Oct 17	Board of Directors Meeting American Legion Post #44 – (<i>Award Review Committee Meeting</i>) Dinner Best Western Park Hotel - (<i>Nominating Committee Report</i>) <u>Note 2</u>
Nov 7 Nov 16	Board of Directors Meeting American Legion Post #44 Luncheon McCormick Ranch - (<i>Annual Business Meeting & Awards Presentation</i>) <u>Note 1</u>
Dec 5 Dec 7 Dec 19	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #44) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - (USS Arizona Memorial/Activity TBA) Dinner Best Western Park Hotel – (<i>Annual Chapter Christmas Party</i>) <u>Note 2</u>

The Unified Arizona Veterans Committee meets on the 1st Saturday of each month except August and September. Dan Conway represents our Chapter.

** *The deadline for submitting items to be published in The Sentinel is 1st of each month*

Note 1 Luncheon Social Hour begins at 11:30AM

Note 2 Dinner Social Hour begins at 6:30PM